



## Probation Service Definition

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PROBATION

SERVICE NAME	Group Home A <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Out-of-Home (OHP) placement / Non-treatment
Setting	Residential
Facility License	Residential Child Caring Agency License as approved by DHHS Public Health
Service Description	Group home A is a licensed, temporary non-treatment facility providing 24-hour supervision for youth in an age-appropriate, individualized and structured group setting. The group home A service is provided by trained staff who are awake overnight. Youth in this level of care require consistent behavior management, supervision and support. Staff provide a safe and nurturing environment to help youth facilitate change in their behavior, attitudes and personal interactions.
Service Expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Develop an Individualized Service Plan with the family, youth, probation officer and other stakeholders identified, enabling the youth to move back home as soon as service goals are met. The plan must address goals and criminogenic domains.</li><li>2. Participation in monthly family team meetings.</li><li>3. Based on the plans goals, youth shall be involved in structured programming to include an evidence based behavior management plan, community support planning, family engagement, teaching/educational interventions, and strategies that aid in individual skill development.</li><li>4. Family engagement shall include regular phone contact and visitation with family members. Family engagement shall be flexible to meet the non-traditional hours needed by families. Phone contact and visits should not be tied to behavior management levels and shall not be removed as a consequence.</li><li>5. Home visits should be intentional and planned with the family, youth, and probation officer to enhance family functioning and aid in the achievement of service goals. Home visits shall be in the family home and the visits shall not be removed as a consequence of the behavior management system.</li><li>6. The provider will ensure that educational needs are being met. School may be in the community or on site. Youth shall attend their home school whenever possible.</li><li>7. The provider will ensure 24-hour crisis intervention is available to aid in the stabilization of crisis situations.</li></ol>

	<p>8. Provide transport as necessary to and from dental and medical appointments, school, court, therapy, home visits and routine day to day activities. Transportation costs within a 25 mile radius will be the responsibility of the provider. Transportation beyond that radius will be the responsibility of the parent.</p> <p>9. The provider will aid the probation officer in transition planning to begin upon admission to the facility. Criteria for discharge will be individualized, determined by the team, and approved by the court.</p> <p>10. Discharge from the placement shall not be contingent upon completion of a levels or behavior management program.</p>
<b>Service Frequency</b>	24-hour
<b>Length of Stay</b>	Up to 6 months
<b>Staffing</b>	The provider will comply with all staffing requirements of the Residential Child Care License. All staff have direct contact with youth and will have an understanding of evidence-based youth development principles, best practice in juvenile justice and criminogenic risk and needs.
<b>Staff to Client Ratio</b>	Staffing ratios will be provided based on DHHS licensing regulations for group homes.
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	24-hour, awake overnight staff
<b>Service Desired Outcomes</b>	To provide group home care, where youth receives services and support which improve or stabilize the youth, prevents placement in a more restrictive environment, and a demonstration of improved family functioning. The primary outcome is to enable the youth to move back home as soon as service goals are met.
<b>Unit and Rate</b>	Per day

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